

**Minutes
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
ISDA- Old National Bldg.
Indianapolis, IN
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2006**

**Bob Eddleman
Nola Gentry
Bill Mann
Jim Cherry
Warren Baird
Larry Clemens**

**Gary Langell
Xavier Montoya
Gene Weaver
Jennifer Boyle
Jerod Chew
Cris Goode
Waneta Lowe**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Draft Minutes of July 2006**
Nola Gentry moved to approve the minutes. Jim Cherry seconded and the motion carried.
- III. Leadership Development:**

A. Supervisor Resignations/Appointments-Waneta Lowe

Waneta Lowe presented the following resignations and appointments to the SSCB:

Marion County: Wilfred Brehob resigned and John Dennis Slaughter appointed
Mark Brehob resigned and Alan E. Retherford appointed
Switzerland County: Brian McAllister resigned and John Schroer appointed
Hendricks County: Daryl Stephenson resigned and Bryan Rutledge appointed

Warren Baird moved to approve the resignations and appointments. Gentry seconded and the motion carried.

Lowe presented the SSCB with proposed changes to the election nominee form. The SSCB recommended that the word "board" be changed to "SSCB".

Gentry moved to approve the forms with suggested changes. Cherry seconded and the motion carried.

B. Leadership Development Workgroup Update-Jerod Chew

The Strategic Plan leadership training workshop took place last weekend. This pilot program is based on the program- Who Moved My Cheese: Dealing with Change. A Leadership Panel followed the next day to discuss changes in Indiana Conservation and work on problem solving skills.

The event had 26 supervisors (50 people total) in attendance. The group enjoyed the location.

C. SWCD Support/Updates-Jerod Chew

- 1. Recent DSS activities focused mainly on assisting Districts with their CWI grant proposals.

2. CCE computer issues are being addressed.
3. Jim Lake was recently honored through the Purdue Agronomy Department.
4. Implementation of awarded grants will be the next focus.
5. CWI Grant success stories: Madison CREP CWI Grant success story
Discussion followed about expanding the Madison model across the rest of the watershed and the other watersheds. Improving the coordination of CREP promotion and education/training should be a priority. DSC will work with FSA to improve upon District CREP education and training.
6. The Water Resource Committee requested that Tammy Lawson and Andy Miller present to them today.

IV. Technology:

A. Technology Workgroup Update- Xavier Montoya

No further update at this time. Jane Hardisty wants the group to get together to plan for future technology.

B. DSC Equipment Requests & Update-Jerod Chew

Eight new Robotic Total Stations are currently in the state bidding process. DSC is currently waiting on the new QPA's to order new flex- fuel vehicles for staff.

V. Delivery System:

A. Delivery System Workgroup Update-Jerod Chew

The Delivery System Workgroup has not met. Currently the partnership is maintaining the Conservation Implementation Teams (CITs) and working out any issues. Workload tracking sheets have been developed and are in use. The workgroup needs to further address the strategic plan.

VI. Funding:

A. Funding Workgroup Update: ICP Leadership will serve as the funding workgroup. The group is currently awaiting ISDA/Administration's proposal to increase state conservation funding.

B. Clean Water Indiana Grants – Jerod Chew

1. Lawrence SWCD

Chew presented the SSCB with a letter from Lawrence SWCD requesting a change in their Spring 06 CWI Grant budget structure. As they have worked through their project, they have had to make necessary changes. They are requesting to utilize their OTHER and EQUIPMENT funds to purchase and LCD projector because they have obtained the items they were to purchase with the funds through other means.

Discussion followed and the consensus was that as long as changes are within the scope of the original proposal, Districts just need to submit any requests for changes in their awarded grants to the SSCB to be considered on an individual basis.

Baird moved to accept the requested change in Lawrence's CWI grant as lined out in their letter. Bill Mann seconded and the motion carried.

C. \$10k Match –Jerod Chew/Waneta Lowe

1. Ohio SWCD needed clarification regarding its \$10k match. The Ohio's Annual Fiscal Report (AFR) did not accurately reflect the county paid time for conservation of a non-District employee.

Discussion followed about the time of the employee. Gene Weaver of Ohio County explained that a county memorandum of understanding and meeting minutes exist that explain the relationship further.

Mann moved that the SSCB approve full payment to Ohio County pending the submission of the memorandum of understanding and minutes to clarify their match qualification. Larry Clemens seconded and the motion carried.

2. Lowe reported that Grant SWCD contacted her about the availability of the remainder of their match. Lowe reported that Grant referenced a letter the SSCB

sent last year and their willingness to allow for SWCDs who did not qualify to resubmit for additional funds given a proposal.

Discussion followed. Last year's letter was clear that the allowance for resubmission was a one-time offer and would not be extended in the future. The consensus of the SSCB was that if Grant SWCD would like the SSCB to consider their situation further, they should submit a formal request in writing.

D. CREP: (Report Attached)

1. ISDA, TNC, and FSA recently attended National CREP Forum. The group was given 15 minutes on agenda to highlight our unique partnerships with TNC and utilization of the Fish Kill funds.
2. Security issues with CCE computers need to be addressed on the national level to allow access at local levels. Security protocol is a national USDA decision.

VII. Outreach:

A. Outreach Workgroup Update: -Cris Goode

The Partnership provided strong outreach efforts with this year's PWQ State Fair Exhibit. The Outreach Committee worked with the PWQ steering committee to improved materials and signage. The SSCB funded the Chicago Field Museum's Soil Adventure Mobile for two days during the State Fair. This was a very popular exhibit at PWQ.

The steering committee plans to meet Meeting soon to discuss this year's exhibits successes and challenges. Discussion followed.

The committee will also participate in upcoming BARN meetings regarding the outdoor classroom project.

The Outreach Committee plans to meet mid October after DeeDee returns from vacation. Upcoming priorities for the committee will be to work on Speakers Bureau and ICP Website.

VIII. Accountability:

A. Accountability Workgroup Update-Jerod Chew

Chew reported for Lawson. Staff now utilizes the new workload tracking spreadsheets. Another upcoming focus will be Rapid Watershed.

IX. SSCB Chairman's Report- Bob Eddleman

Several SSCB members attended the Henry County Field Day Event and the River Friendly Farmer event. It is important that the SSCB have a presence at these types of events.

The SSCB would like to thank Warren Baird for serving on the Pathway to Water Quality's steering committee. This is the first year the SSCB had a presence on this Partnership committee. The SSCB would like Warren to continue in this capacity.

Eddleman asked that Purdue, ISDA and DNR reports be added to future agendas.

X. IDEM Report-Jerod Chew

Chew reported for Andrew Peloso. Peloso called in his report. IDEM received 24- 319 grant proposals requesting 5.9 million. IDEM will have approximately 4 million available to award. Most proposals address IDEM's impaired waters priority. They were happy to receive a number of large scale projects that involve long term projects.

XI. State Association President's Report – Gene Weaver

Written report attached

XII. NRCS State Conservationist's Report – Xavier Montoya

Written report

XIII. Farm Services Agency Report- no report

XIV. DNR Report-no report

XV. ISDA Report-no report

XVI. SWCD Foundation Report- no report

XVII. Purdue Report- no report

XVIII. Public Comment

Gene Weaver of IASWCD asked the SSCB to comment on regulatory concerns of Districts and how they will be addressed.

Discussion followed. Consensus was that regulatory responsibilities belong to IDEM.

Gene Weaver- Will CWI Contract extensions be available to those from the Spring 06 Round? Contract extensions will be made available to any District from the SPR06 Round that needs one due to the delayed contract process.

Warren Baird- NACD attendance needs to be added to the next meeting's agenda under the Leadership Development.

XIX. Break for Lunch

XX. CWI Grant Review-Cris Goode

A. Proposals Received

1. 98 proposals from 63 counties requesting \$1.35 million. Proposals focused on tying their local business plans to the ICP strategic Plan.

B. Late Submittals—Not seen in online review.

1. Due to an email error, Morgan County's proposals were received after online proposals were posted. Please note that SSCB members have not reviewed their proposals before this time and will need to do so.
2. Many Districts sent in support documents after the online posting. Please note the support documents have been attached to the proposals in member review materials.

XXI. CWI Grant Approvals

Gentry moved to approve selected CWI Grants. Mann seconded and the motion carried.

XXII. Next Meeting: October 10, 2006-ISDA

XXIII. Adjourn